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SUBJECT:WORLD TOURISM ORGANIZATION (WTO): WORKING PARTY
TO REVIEW DRAFT CONVENTION ON PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

REF: MADRID 3087

EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM WTO SECGEN LONATI THAT STATE DEPT.
HAS RECEIVED HIS LETTER OF APRIL 18 CONCERNING HIS
INVITATION TO MEMBERS OF WORKING PARTY TO CONVENE IN
MADRID MAY 16-20 TO PREPARE DRAFT CONVENTION ON PRIVILEGES
AND IMMUNITIES FOR SUBMISSION TO MAY 23 - JUNE 2 GENERAL
ASSEMBLY. EMBASSY SHOULD ACKNOWLEDGE THAT DECISION
CE/DEC/6(IV) OF FOURTH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CALLED FOR SUCH
WORKING PARTY TO MEET AT HEADQUARTERS IMMEDIATELY BEFORE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY. HOWEVER, MEMBERS OF U.S. DELEGATION TO
FOURTH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL SESSION ARE OF OPINION THAT
DECISION WAS APPROVED ON UNDERSTANDING THAT GENERAL
ASSEMBLY WOULD MEET AT MADRID HEADQUARTERS, NOT
TORREMOLINOS. CONVENING OF WORKING PARTY AT DIFFERENT
VENUE CREATES OBVIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY
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PROBLEMS. FURTHERMORE, MEMBERS OF SAME U.S. DELEGATION
BELIEVE THAT DECISION TO MEET "IMMEDIATELY BEFORE" ASSEMBLY
MEANT AT MOST ONE OR TWO DAYS BEFORE, NOT ONE WEEK BEFORE.

ADDITION OF ONE WEEK TO ALREADY BURDENED SCHEDULES OF
WORKING PARTY DELEGATIONS WAS NOT, IN U.S. VIEW,
INTENTION OF DECISION. EMBASSY SHOULD CONCLUDE THAT, FOR

THESE REASONS--AND BEARING IN MIND THAT U.S. HAS ALREADY
SUBMITTED TO WTO DETAILED PRELIMINARY COMMENTS ON DRAFT
CONVENTION--U.S. UNFORTUNATELY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND
WORKING PARTY MEETING.
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